

**Allied Landfill Site Tour for Local Residents, Allied Paper/Portage Creek/Kalamazoo River Superfund Site, Michigan**

Press Interest/Coverage: no coverage of this event

On September 10, 2013 EPA gave a tour of the Allied Landfill to approximately 12 people from the Edison Neighborhood Association, the Homecrest Circle Neighborhood Association, and a professor and students from Western Michigan University. The Edison and Homecrest Circle neighborhoods are both located close to the site. The tour included a visit to the nearby Michigan Disposal Service/Cork Street Landfill, another Superfund site in the vicinity that contains polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs). EPA and the tour participants discussed a variety of issues regarding potential cleanup options for the Allied Landfill, and the tour was well-received. After the tour was completed the Mayor of Kalamazoo arrived at the site and met with Rick Karl. Earlier this summer EPA had given similar tours of the site to the Mayor and his staff (June 12), the Kalamazoo River Watershed Council (July 23), and the Kalamazoo River Cleanup Coalition and a representative from Congressman Upton's office (August 16). EPA is scheduled to release the feasibility study to the public later this month and is planning to hold at least two public availability sessions this fall to discuss the cleanup alternatives evaluated in the feasibility study. A very vocal segment of the local community is pushing for total removal of all PCB waste from the landfill.

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